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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th meetings, on 20, 21, 25 and 26 October. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it identical letters dated 22 September 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council (A/71/410-S/2016/809).

4. At the 13th meeting, on 20 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support made statements.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee held a closed interactive dialogue on the item with the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, in the course of which the two Under-Secretaries-General heard comments and responded to questions from Member States.

[1] A/C.4/71/SR.13, A/C.4/71/SR.14, A/C.4/71/SR.15 and A/C.4/71/SR.16.

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